

Def Name	D Ct Docket #	Status of Case	Name of AG	Race	Sex	Victim R/S	Summary of Case
DeMaddalena, Carl A.	W.D. MO CR No. 94- 00037	Authorization not requested by USA	Reno	W	M	HF	three white brothers (intrastate) kidnaped, bound and suffocated two rival drug dealers. The three co-defendants, the Vest brothers, faced a capital prosecution and entered a guilty plea.
Vest, Darrell	W.D. MO CR No. 94- 00037-01	Authorization not requested by USA	Reno	W	M	none	three white brothers from Kansas City who were approved for a capital prosecution in 1994. They were charged with the well- planned double homicide of two Mexican drug dealers. Graves were dug and the victims abducted and bound with duct tape, suffocating to death. A fourth brother, Darrell Vest, did not face the death penalty. One defendant was also charged with a separate murder count in another drug rip-off. Guilty pleas were negotiated for all three.

Emery, Herbert J.	W.D. MO CR No. 96- 00176-01-CR-V	Authorization not requested by USA	Reno	W	M	WF	the murder of a federal confidential informant. The victim, Christina A. Elkins, was a female drug user and small-time dealer who got caught. The ATF became involved regarding weapons charges and Elkins began cooperating and was murdered. Tony Emery was the alleged kingpin. The victim was beaten to death.
Emery, Tony	W.D. MO CR No. 97-CR-6004	Authorization not requested by USA	Reno	W	M	WF	the murder of a federal confidential informant. The victim, Christina A. Elkins, was a female drug user and small-time dealer who got caught. The ATF became involved regarding weapons charges and Elkins began cooperating and was murdered. Tony Emery was the alleged kingpin. The victim was beaten to death.

Boone, William R. II	W.D. MO CR No. 02-3110-CR-S-DW	Authorization not requested by USA	Ashcroft	B	M	BM	18 U.S.C. §1111 robbery/murder at a Fort Leonardwood bingo parlor on federal land that co-defendant Barbara Turner managed and which allegedly had game proceeds of \$30,000 - \$35,000 on hand in cashier's cage. A scuffle ensued. The victim was a retired military security guard. Co-defendant Turner's boyfriend, who also worked at the bingo hall, allegedly fingered Turner as the mastermind in a proffer the government would not accept. All involved are African-American.
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Creighton, Jerome	W.D. MO CR No. 02-3110-CR-S-DW	Authorization not requested by USA	Ashcroft	B	M	BM	18 U.S.C. §1111 robbery/murder at a Fort Leonardwood bingo parlor on federal land that co-defendant Barbara Turner managed and which allegedly had game proceeds of \$30,000 - \$35,000 on hand in cashier's cage. A scuffle ensued. The victim was a retired military security guard. Turner's boyfriend, who also worked at the bingo hall, allegedly fingered Turner as the mastermind in a proffer the government would not accept. All involved are African-American.
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Turner, Barbara L.	W.D. MO CR No. 02-3110-CR-S-DW	Authorization not requested by USA	Ashcroft	B	F	BM	18 U.S.C. §1111 robbery/murder at a Fort Leonardwood bingo parlor on federal land that Barbara Turner managed and which allegedly had game proceeds of \$30,000 - \$35,000 on hand in cashier's cage. A scuffle ensued. The victim was a retired military security guard. Turner's boyfriend, who also worked at the bingo hall, allegedly fingered Turner as the mastermind in a proffer the government would not accept. All involved are African-American.
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Washington, Kelvin	W.D. MO CR No. 02-3110-CR-S-DW	Authorization not requested by USA	Ashcroft	B	M	BM	18 U.S.C. §1111 robbery/murder at a Fort Leonardwood bingo parlor on federal land that co-defendant Barbara Turner managed and which allegedly had game proceeds of \$30,000 - \$35,000 on hand in cashier's cage. A scuffle ensued. The victim was a retired military security guard. Turner's boyfriend, who also worked at the bingo hall, allegedly fingered Turner as the mastermind in a proffer the government would not accept. All involved are African-American.
Wright, Steven	W.D. MO CR No. 4:02-CR-00116-FJC	Authorization not requested by USA	Gonzales	B	M	BM	an alleged leader of the "51st Street Crips" charged with killing drug dealers and stealing their drugs. One of the victims was alleged to be a cooperating witness with law enforcement. Two of the murders were committed prior to Wright's 18th birthday and the other was committed just days after the youth turned 18.

Dale, Michael	W.D. MO No. 4:06-CR-00074-DW	Authorization not requested by USA	Gonzales	B	M	HF HM	drug-related, double 924(j) gun murders. The victims were a Latino couple. The deceased husband was allegedly involved with drug dealing but the wife, an innocent female bystander, was not. The defendants are African-American.
Johnson, Dyshawn L.	W.D. MO No. 4:06-CR-00074-DW	Authorization not requested by USA	Gonzales	B	M	HF HM	drug-related, double 924(j) gun murders. The victims were a Latino couple. The deceased husband was allegedly involved with drug dealing but the wife, an innocent female bystander, was not. The defendants are African-American.

Frank, Darren	W.D. MO No. 4:04-CR-00298-GAF	Authorization not requested by USA	Gonzales	W	M	WM	a 1998 drug (methamphetamine) related gun murder of a potential government witness. Police recovered the male victim's body from the trunk of a car. He had been beaten, stabbed and shot in the back of the head. Street was already serving 15 years on drug and gun charges. All involved are white. The jury at the first trial deadlocked. The jury at the second trial convicted Street and sentenced him to life in prison. The Eighth Circuit reversed and Street was acquitted.
Summers, Gordon D.	W.D. MO No. 4:06-CR-00421-GAF	Authorization not requested by USA	Gonzales	W	M	WM	a 2006 drug (meth) related gun murder. Gallegos was alleged to be the triggerman. He is Hispanic. The others are Caucasian. The prosecutor stated there were no aggravating circumstances.



Gallegos, Vincent V.	W.D. MO No. 4:06-CR-00421-GAF	Authorization not requested by USA	Gonzales	H	M	WM	a 2006 drug (meth) related gun murder. Gallegos was alleged to be the triggerman. He is Hispanic. The others are Caucasian. The prosecutor stated there were no aggravating circumstances.
MacDonald, Scott P.	W.D. MO No. 4:06-CR-00421-GAF	Authorization not requested by USA	Gonzales	W	M	WM	a 2006 drug (meth) related gun murder. Gallegos was alleged to be the triggerman. He is Hispanic. The others are Caucasian. The prosecutor stated there were no aggravating circumstances.
Raney, Farryn D.	W.D. MO No. 4:06-CR-00421-GAF	Authorization not requested by USA	Gonzales	W	M	WM	a 2006 drug (meth) related gun murder. Gallegos was alleged to be the triggerman. He is Hispanic. The others are Caucasian. The prosecutor stated there were no aggravating circumstances.

Phillips, Kristin	W.D. MO No. 08-03025-01-CR-S-OD	Authorization not requested by USA	Holder	W	F	WF	<p>the death of an 11 month old daughter who was allegedly deprived of nourishment.</p> <p>Defendant's husband was deployed in Iraq. Three other children, ages 2 to 13, were placed in protective custody. The house was allegedly littered with trash, spoiled food and dirty laundry and there was a strong odor of urine and feces.</p> <p>The 11 month old was not the first of Ms. Phillips children to die under questionable circumstances. All involved are white.</p>
French, Iralee, Jr.	W.D. MO No. 4:08-CR-00262-GAF	Authorization not requested by USA	Holder	B	M	WM	<p>a 2006 cross-racial bank robbery gun murder of a 71 year old security guard in Kansas City. French allegedly fired one shot from a Mossberg pump shotgun. The defendants, who were 18 at the time, had robbed the same bank a few weeks before. The defendants are black, the victim is white.</p>

Moose, Thirplus	W.D. MO No. 4:08-CR-00262-GAF	Authorization not requested by USA	Holder	B	M	WM	a 2006 cross-racial bank robbery gun murder of a 71 year old security guard in Kansas City. French allegedly fired one shot from a Mossberg pump shotgun. The defendants, who were 18 at the time, had robbed the same bank a few weeks before. The defendants are black, the victim is white.
Soto, Raul	W.D. MO No. 4:12-CR-00371-BP	Authorization not requested by USA	Holder	H	M	HF HM	a drug-related home invasion triple gun murder of a woman, her boyfriend and her 19 year old son. All involved are Hispanic, except Finley, who is white.
Finley, Kevin	W.D. MO No. 4:12-CR-00371-BP	Authorization not requested by USA	Holder	W	M	HF HM	a drug-related home invasion triple gun murder of a woman, her boyfriend and her 19 year old son. All involved are Hispanic, except Finley, who is white.

Barfield, Curtis	W.D. MO CR No. 00-CR-395	Authorization request rejected by AG	Ashcroft	B	M	WM	involves the sequel to the Peoples and Lightfoot trial in October of 1999 in the Western District of Missouri, resulting in life sentences. The government's theory was that Peoples, on behalf of Lightfoot and himself, enlisted the services of hired killers, one of who allegedly was Barfield, to do away with one Jovan Ross. Ross was Lightfoot's homosexual live-in lover. After a lover's quarrel, Ross informed on Lightfoot regarding robberies pulled by Lightfoot and Peoples in Nebraska and led police to a cache of blank certified checks stored in the crawl space under the Kansas City Lightfoot/Ross home. Shortly after, Lightfoot was arrested, and while in jail received information about Ross'
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Wyrick, Kevin	W.D. MO CR No. 94-00194-01	Authorization withdrawn at trial	Reno	W	M	WM	when the jury deadlocked on the punishment for the "boss" of a drug ring, Damon Moore, the government announced that it was withdrawing its request for the death penalty for Wyrick, the triggerman.
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Ortiz, Arboleda	W.D. MO No. 98- 00311-01/05-CR-V	Death row - 2255	Reno	B	M	HM	<p>four Colombians charged in a drug related murder. The alleged ringleader, Hinestroza, was a fugitive who was eventually arrested and received a life sentence at a separate trial. The victim and his nephew (who sold cocaine for the gang) stole \$240,000 from them. The defendants tied up, interrogated, duct taped and shot both victims. The nephew lived, escaped and identified the defendants. Sinisterra shot and killed one victim. Ortiz or Tello shot the surviving victim. Sinisterra and Ortiz were sentenced to death. The jury deadlocked on punishment for Tello, and he was sentenced to life in prison. Although not litigated at trial, Ortiz has a full scale I.Q. of 54. A 2255 motion for post-</p>
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Nelson, Keith D.	W.D. MO No. 99-CR-303-1	Death row - 2255	Reno	W	M	WF	the interstate 1999 kidnapping and murder of a ten year old girl, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1201. Both the defendant and the victim are white. A 28 U.S.C. §2255 motion was denied without an evidentiary hearing or the grant of a Certificate of Appealability. The Eighth Circuit reversed the district court and remanded the case for an evidentiary hearing, after which the §2255 motion was again denied. An appeal is pending.
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Purkey, Wesley Ira	W.D. MO No. 01-CR-308	Death row - 2255	Ashcroft	W	M	WF	<p>the 1998 interstate kidnapping (from Missouri to Kansas), rape and murder of a 17 year old high school girl, whose body was then dismembered and burned. Purkey is serving a prison sentence for another killing.</p> <p>Previously, Purkey was paroled after 17 years for shooting a man. Both victim and defendant are white. All post-conviction motions have been denied.</p>
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Montgomery, Lisa	W.D. MO No. 5:05-CR-06002-GAF	Death Row - 2255	Gonzales	W	F	WF	a baby girl was cut of her murdered mother's womb and taken across state lines. She was found alive in the possession of a Kansas woman, who police charged with interstate kidnapping resulting in death. Kevin and Lisa Montgomery have two older children, but she had recently lost a baby. The victim was eight months pregnant and strangled with a rope. Montgomery confessed. All involved are white. A 28 USC §2255 motion is pending.
Coonce, Wesley Paul Jr.	W.D. MO 10-03029-01/02-CR-S-GA	Death row - Appeal	Holder	W	M	HM	a BOP murder at the Medical Center in Springfield, Missouri, by two inmates. Coonce is already serving a life sentence. The defendants are white, the victim Hispanic. A direct appeal is pending.

Hall, Charles Michael	W.D. MO 10-03029-01/02-CR-S-GA	Death row - Appeal	Holder	W	M	HM	a BOP murder at the Medical Center in Springfield, Missouri, by two inmates. Hall was serving a sentence of 43 months, which began in 2009. The defendants are white, the victim Hispanic. A direct appeal is pending.
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Robinson, John Edward	W.D. MO No. 4:06-CR-00083-GAF	Deferred to state	Gonzales	W	M	WF	seven sex crime murders by a convicted serial killer who allegedly lured the federal victim to Kansas from Michigan. The 62 year old Robinson was originally sentenced to death in Kansas state court for the capital murders of a 27 year old woman and a 21 year old from Indiana. After the Kansas Supreme Court declared the death penalty statute unconstitutional in 2004, Robinson was indicted in federal court. After the United States Supreme Court reversed the Kansas Supreme Court in Kansas v. Marsh, 126 S.Ct. 2516 (2006), the federal case was dismissed. Both bodies were discovered in June 2000 in barrels on the defendant's property, 60 miles south of Kansas City. Robinson avoided
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Sinisterra, German	W.D. MO No. 98- 00311-01/05-CR-V	Died Before Execution	Reno	B	M	HM	<p>four Colombians charged in a drug related murder. The alleged ringleader, Hinestroza, was a fugitive who was eventually arrested and received a life sentence at a separate trial. Hinestroza and his gang sold cocaine in the Kansas City area. The victim and his nephew (who sold cocaine for the gang) stole \$240,000 from them. The defendants tied up, interrogated, duck taped and shot both victims. The nephew lived, escaped and identified the defendants. Sinisterra shot and killed one victim. Ortiz or Tello shot the surviving victim. Sinisterra and Ortiz were sentenced to death. The jury deadlocked on punishment for Tello, and he was sentenced to life in prison. A 2255 motion for post-conviction relief</p>
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Vest, James	W.D. MO CR No. 94-00037-04	Guilty plea	Reno	W	M	HM	three white brothers from Kansas City who were approved for a capital prosecution in 1994. They were charged with the well- planned double homicide of two Mexican drug dealers. Graves were dug and the victims abducted and bound with duct tape, suffocating to death. A fourth brother, Darrell Vest, did not face the death penalty. One defendant was also charged with a separate murder count in another drug rip-off. Guilty pleas were negotiated for all three.
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Vest, Mark	W.D. MO CR No. 94-00037-04	Guilty plea	Reno	W	M	HF HM	three white brothers from Kansas City who were approved for a capital prosecution in 1994. They were charged with the well- planned double homicide of two Mexican drug dealers. Graves were dug and the victims abducted and bound with duct tape, suffocating to death. A fourth brother, Darrell Vest, did not face the death penalty. One defendant was also charged with a separate murder count in another drug rip-off. Guilty pleas were negotiated for all three.
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Vest, Steven	W.D. MO CR No. 94-00037-04	Guilty plea	Reno	W	M	HM	three white brothers from Kansas City who were approved for a capital prosecution in 1994. They were charged with the well- planned double homicide of two Mexican drug dealers. Graves were dug and the victims abducted and bound with duct tape, suffocating to death. A fourth brother, Darrell Vest, did not face the death penalty. One defendant was also charged with a separate murder count in another drug rip-off. Guilty pleas were negotiated for all three.
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Peoples, Cornelius	W.D. MO CR No. 00 CR 395	Guilty plea	Reno	B	M	WM	<p>a cross-racial murder of a federal government witness. Peoples, 24, conspired with co-defendant Lightfoot to prevent the victim from testifying at Lightfoot's federal trial on charges of bank robbery. Lightfoot contracted the killing of his roommate for becoming a government witness. The victim, 33, was found dead of gunshot wounds in his home in Kansas City. He contacted government witness, Anthony Hunter, who contacted Barfield who hired Haskell, the triggerman. Barfield did not face the death penalty and was acquitted. Haskell was sentenced to life in prison. All defendants are black. The victim is white. After Lightfoot was sentenced to life in prison, the</p>
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Ward, Israel	W.D. MO CR No. 3:02 CR 05025	Guilty plea	Ashcroft	B	M	WF BM	two gun murders during course of drug trafficking by black defendants from Tulsa selling crack in Tulsa. Smith is alleged to be a leader. A black victim allegedly stole drugs and was shot to death along with a white female who was with him at the time. Attorney General Ashcroft required a capital prosecution. Attorney General Gonzales approved a plea agreement with Ward.
Moore, Dennis B., Sr.	W.D. MO CR No. 94-00194	Life sentence from jury	Reno	W	M	WM	recruited his associate (Wyrick) to kill a rival drug marijuana dealer. Murder for hire is alleged as an aggravating circumstance. Both the defendants and the deceased are Caucasian. In 1996, the jury deadlocked on the punishment for Moore, resulting in a life sentence.

Lightfoot, Xavier Lamar	W.D. MO No. 00 CR 395	Life sentence from jury	Reno	B	M	WM	<p>a cross-racial murder of a federal witness. Co-defendant Peoples, 24, conspired with Lightfoot to prevent the victim from testifying at Lightfoot's federal trial on charges of bank robbery. The victim, 33, was Lightfoot's roommate and was found dead of gunshot wounds in their rental home in Kansas City. Peoples acted as a go-between (along with co-defendant Barfield) with the professional hit man (Haskell) who committed the murder which Lightfoot arranged from federal prison. Murder for hire is alleged as an aggravating circumstance. All defendants are black. The victim is white. After Lightfoot was sentenced to life in prison, the government withdrew its request for the death</p>
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Tello, Plutarco	W.D. MO No. 98- 00311-01/05-CR-V	Life sentence from jury	Reno	B	M	HM	<p>four Colombians charged in a drug related murder. The alleged ringleader, Hinestroza, was a fugitive who was eventually arrested and received a life sentence at a separate trial. Hinestroza and his gang sold cocaine in the Kansas City area. The victim and his nephew (who sold cocaine for the gang) stole \$240,000 from them. The defendants tied up, interrogated, duck taped and shot both victims. The nephew lived, escaped and identified the defendants. Sinisterra shot and killed one victim. Ortiz or Tello shot the surviving victim. Sinisterra and Ortiz were sentenced to death. The jury deadlocked on punishment for Tello, and he was sentenced to life in prison.</p>
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Hinestroza, Edwin R.	W.D. MO No. 98- 00311-01/05-CR-V	Life sentence from jury	Gonzales	H	M	HM	<p>four Colombians charged in a drug related murder. The alleged ringleader, Hinestroza, was a fugitive who was eventually arrested and received a life sentence at a separate trial. The victim and his nephew (who sold cocaine for the gang) stole \$240,000 from them. The defendants tied up, interrogated, duck taped and shot both victims. The nephew lived, escaped and identified the defendants. Sinisterra shot and killed one victim. Ortiz or Tello shot the surviving victim. Sinisterra and Ortiz were sentenced to death. The jury deadlocked on punishment for Tello, and he was sentenced to life in prison.</p>
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Haskell, Carl	W.D. MO No. 00-CR-395	Life sentence from jury	Ashcroft	B	M	WM	<p>involves the sequel to the Peoples and Lightfoot trial in October of 1999, resulting in life sentences. The government's theory is that Peoples, on behalf of Lightfoot and himself, enlisted the services of hired killers, one of whom allegedly was Haskell, to do away with one Jovan Ross, a white male. Ross was Lightfoot's homosexual live-in lover. The pair lived in a house in KC. After a lover's quarrel, Ross informed on Lightfoot regarding robberies pulled by Lightfoot and Peoples in Nebraska and led police to a cache of blank certified checks stored in the crawl space under the Lightfoot/Ross home. Shortly after, Lightfoot was arrested, and while in jail received information about Ross' involvement.</p>
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Smith, Thomas	W.D. MO No. 3:02 CR 05025	Life sentence from jury	Ashcroft	B	M	WF BM	two gun murders during course of drug trafficking by black defendants from Tulsa selling crack in Tulsa. Smith is alleged to be a leader in the double murder. A black victim allegedly stole drugs and was shot to death along with a white female who was with him at the time. Attorney General Ashcroft required a capital prosecution as to Smith and Ward, and DOJ twice refused to withdrawn the Notice of Intent against Street. Attorney General Gonzales approved a plea agreement with Ward after Street was sentenced to life imprisonment by a jury.
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Street, John P.	W.D. MO No. 4:04-CR-00298-GAF	Life sentence from jury	Gonzales	W	M	WM	a 1998 drug (methamphetamine) related gun murder of a potential government witness. Police recovered the male victim's body from the trunk of a car. He had been beaten, stabbed and shot in the back of the head. Street was already serving 15 years on drug and gun charges. All involved are white. The jury at the first trial deadlocked. The jury at the second trial convicted Street and sentenced him to life in prison. The 8th Circuit reversed and Street was acquitted.
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Eye, Gary	W.D. MO No. 4:05-CR-00344-ODS	Life sentence from jury	Gonzales	W	M	BM	a 2005 18 U.S.C. §924(c) gun, civil rights murder of a §1512 government witness. The indictment alleged the victim was killed by the white defendants because he is an African-American. State murder charges were dismissed. The United States Attorney announced that the death penalty would not be sought, but the Department of Justice required counsel to submit a mitigation letter. "Learned" counsel were not appointed until Attorney General Gonzales required a death penalty prosecution. Both defendants are young with juvenile records.
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Sandstrom, Steven	W.D. MO No. 4:05-CR-00344-ODS	Life sentence from jury	Gonzales	W	M	BM	a 2005 18 U.S.C. §924(c) gun, civil rights murder of a §1512 government witness. The indictment alleged the victim was killed by the white defendants because he is an African-American. State murder charges were dismissed. The United States Attorney announced that the death penalty would not be sought, but the Department of Justice required counsel to submit a mitigation letter. "Learned" counsel were not appointed until Attorney General Gonzales required a death penalty prosecution. Both defendants are young with juvenile records.
Jones, Ulysses	W.D. MO 6:10-CR-03090-DGK	Pending trial	Holder	B	M	BM	a BOP murder by a black inmate of another black inmate at the US Medical Correctional Facility in Springfield, Illinois. Jones was serving a life sentence for a previous murder of an inmate.